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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2732. Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 963, to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF REDUCTIONS MADE BY BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2013.

(a) REPEALS.—

(1) ADJUSTMENT OF RETIREMENT PAY.—Section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 is repealed as of the date of the enactment of such Act.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Title X of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014 (division C of Public Law 113-76) is hereby repealed.

(b) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED TO CLAIM THE REFUNDABLE PORTION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(e) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), no credit shall be allowed under this section to a taxpayer with respect to any qualifying child unless the taxpayer includes the name and taxpayer identification number of such qualifying child on the return of tax for the taxable year.

“(2) REFUNDABLE PORTION.—Subsection (d)(1) shall not apply to any taxpayer with respect to any qualifying child unless the taxpayer includes the name and social security number of such qualifying child on the return of tax for the taxable year.”.

(2) OMISSION TREATED AS MATHEMATICAL OR CLERICAL ERROR.—Subparagraph (I) of section 6213(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(I) an omission of a correct TIN under section 24(e)(1) (relating to child tax credit) or a correct Social Security number required under section 24(e)(2) (relating to refundable portion of child tax credit), to be included on a return.”.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on February 12, 2014 at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on the “Bipartisan Support for Improving U.S. Elections: An Overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.”

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Lynden

Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee (202) 224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet at 10:30 a.m., on February 12, 2014, to conduct a business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Hicks and Myrna Perez to be members of the Election Assistance Commission.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Lynden Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee at (202) 224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on February 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled From Poverty to Opportunity: How a Fair Minimum Wage Will Help Working Families Succeed.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Sarah Cupp of the committee staff on (202) 224-5363.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Elizabeth Lievens and David Pope, interns in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Chris Sweitzer, a military fellow in the office of Senator PRYOR, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the calendar year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate the letter of resignation of Senator MAX BAUCUS of Montana dated Thursday, February 6, 2014.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the letters relating to the resignation of the Senator from Montana, MAX BAUCUS, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, February 6, 2014.

Governor STEVE BULLOCK,
Montana State Capitol,
Helena, MT.

DEAR GOVERNOR BULLOCK: In order to assume the responsibility of serving as the United States Ambassador to China, I write to resign my seat in the United States Senate effective upon my appointment as Ambassador. Representing the people of Montana for 40 years has been the honor of a lifetime. I am grateful for the trust Montanans have bestowed on me and the opportunity to contribute to our great state and nation.

Respectfully,

MAX BAUCUS.

FEBRUARY 7, 2014.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
President of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN: In accordance with my letter of February 6, 2014 to Governor Bullock, this is to clarify that my resignation as United States Senator became effective at the close of business on February 6, 2014.

Sincerely,

MAX BAUCUS.

PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 954 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 954) to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BEGICH. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read for a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 954) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 954

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION ON SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT THERAPEUTIC SERVICES IN CRITICAL ACCESS AND SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS THROUGH 2014.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall continue to apply through calendar year 2014 the enforcement instruction described in the notice of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services entitled “Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals for CY 2013”, dated November 1, 2012 (providing for an exception to the restatement and clarification under the final rule-making changes to the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system and calendar year 2009 payment rates (published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2008, 73 Fed. Reg. 68702 through 68704) with respect to requirements for direct supervision by physicians for therapeutic hospital outpatient services).

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYO CLINIC

Mr. BEGICH. I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 339 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.